

Public Health: House bill No. 120.
 Criminal Jurisprudence: House bills Nos. 68, 105, 13.
 Appropriations: House bills Nos. 136, 44.

The following standing committees reported bills adversely today as follows:

Appropriations: House bill No. 10, House concurrent resolution No. 8.
 State Affairs: House bill No. 155, House concurrent resolution No. 2.
 Roads, Bridges and Ferries: House bill No. 46.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, January 21, 1921.

Hon. Chas. G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 22, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 696, Chapter 1, Title 12, of the Revised Criminal Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, as amended by the Thirty-third Legislature."

H. B. No. 82, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Section 8, of Chapter 4, of the Local and Special Laws passed at the Third Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, which was 'An Act to create a more efficient road law for Cass county,' and which section provides that all citizens of Cass county between the age of twenty-one and fifty years shall be subject to road duty and are required each to pay four dollars per annum in lieu of all laws requiring road duty, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 88, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Pennington Independent County Line School District of Trinity and Houston counties, Texas, for free school purposes only, defining its boundaries, vesting it with all the rights, powers, duties and privileges of independent school districts under the general laws of Texas pertaining thereto; providing for a board of trustees; raising of revenue by taxation; issuing bonds and maintaining public free schools therein; vesting all lands, buildings and other property owned and held for public free school purposes in said district; providing that all outstanding bonded indebtedness of the Pennington Common

County Line District No. 30 of said counties shall be validated and made a valid obligation against the Pennington County Line School District of Trinity and Houston counties, Texas; and declaring valid a maintenance and bond tax heretofore voted by said Pennington Common County Line School District, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 124, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 57, Section 2, Local and Special Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Third Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, approved June 17, 1920, creating the Blythe County Line Independent School District in Gaines, Terry and Yoakum counties, by redefining and correcting the boundaries of said Blythe County Line Independent School District, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
 SNEED, Chairman.

TENTH DAY.

(Monday, January 24, 1921.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Thomas.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Adams.	Curtis.
Aiken.	Darroch.
Baker.	Davis, John E.,
Baldwin.	of Dallas.
Barker.	Davis, John,
Barrett of Bell.	of Dallas.
Barrett of Fannin.	Dinkle.
Bass.	Duffey.
Beasley	Duncan.
of Hopkins.	Edwards.
Beasley	Estes.
of McCulloch.	Faubion.
Beavens.	Fly.
Binkley.	Fugler.
Bonham.	Garrett.
Black, O. B.,	Greer.
of Bexar.	Grissom.
Black, W. A.,	Hall.
of Bexar.	Hanna.
Brady.	Harrington.
Branch.	Harrison.
Bryant.	Henderson
Burkett.	of McLennan.
Burmeister.	Henderson
Burns.	of Marion.
Chitwood.	Hendricks.
Coffee.	Hill.
Cox.	Horton.
Crawford.	Johnson
Crumpton.	of Gillespie.
Cummins.	Johnson of Ellis.

Johnson of Wichita.	Rice.
Jones.	Rogers of Harris.
Kacir.	Rogers of Shelby.
Kellis.	Rosser.
King.	Rountree.
Kveton.	Satterwhite.
Lackey.	Schweppe.
Laird.	Seagler.
Laney.	Shearer.
Lauderdale.	Sims.
Lawrence.	Smith.
Lindsey.	Sneed.
Looney.	Stephens.
McDaniel.	Stevenson.
McLeod.	Stewart
Malone.	of Edwards.
Martin.	Stewart of Reeves.
Marshall.	Swann.
Mathes.	Sweet of Tarrant.
Melson.	Teer.
Merriman.	Thomas
Miller of Dallas.	of Limestone.
Miller of Parker.	Thomason.
Morgan.	Thompson
Moore.	of Harris.
Morris of Medina.	Thompson
Morris	of Red River.
of Montague.	Thorn.
Mott.	Thrasher.
Neblett.	Veatch.
Neinast.	Wadley.
Owen.	Walker.
Patman.	Wallace.
Perkins	Webb.
of Cherokee.	Wessels.
Perkins of Lamar.	West.
Perry.	Westbrook.
Pollard.	Williams
Pool.	of McLennan.
Quaid.	Williams
Quinn.	of Montgomery.
	Wright.

Absent.

Brown.	Menking.
Absent—Excused.	
Carpenter.	McKean.
Childers.	Pope.
Hardin.	Quicksall.
Leslie.	Rowland.
McCord.	Sweet of Brown.
McFarlane.	

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. McKean indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Morris of Medina.

Mr. Childers for today, on motion of Mr. Perkins of Cherokee.

Mr. McFarlane for today, on motion of Mr. Merriman.

Mr. Carpenter for today, on motion of Mr. Mott.

Mr. Pope for the balance of this week, on motion of Mr. Quinn.

Mr. Rowland for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Adams.

Mr. Hardin for today, on motion of Mr. Barrett of Fannin.

Mr. Leslie indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Kacir.

Mr. Sweet of Brown for today, on motion of Mr. Hill.

Mr. Wadley for today, on motion of Mr. Wright.

Mr. McCord was excused indefinitely on account of sickness, on motion of Mr. Swann.

Mr. Quicksall was excused indefinitely on account of sickness, on motion of Mr. Kellis.

BILLS ORDERED PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Curtis, it was ordered that House bill No. 87, with majority adverse and minority favorable reports, be printed.

On motion of Mr. Malone, it was ordered that House bill No. 27, with majority adverse and minority favorable reports, be printed.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Burmeister, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 49 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Branch, it was ordered that House bill No. 130, be not printed.

BILL RE-REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Thompson of Red River, House bill No. 129 was withdrawn from the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence and referred to the Committee on Liquor Traffic.

RELATING TO RECOMMITTAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 155.

Mr. Barker moved to reconsider the vote by which the House on last Friday refused to recommit House bill No. 155, the bill having been reported adversely by the Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Owen raised a point of order on the motion to reconsider on the ground that under the Rules of the House it is not in order to recommit a bill which has been reported adversely by a committee, unless the passage of the bill has been recommended by a minority of the committee.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

TO AMEND HOUSE RULES.

Mr. Perkins of Lamar offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved, That the Rules of the House be so amended as to provide for a committee of three, for the purpose of naming and affixing on the bill the name of the committee the bill is to be referred to; and be it further

Resolved, That after a bill has been referred to a proper committee by the aforesaid committee of three that it shall not be recommitted to or referred to another committee unless such bill shall not receive a fair and proper hearing; and be it further

Resolved, That any previous rule contrary to this shall be repealed.

Said committee shall be appointed by the Speaker in the customary manner and shall be styled the Committee on Bills.

The resolution was read second time, and referred by the Speaker to the Committee on Rules.

PROVIDING FOR TEXAS FLAG.

Mr. Burmeister offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to display during the sessions of this House the flag of the State of Texas side by side with the flag of the United States of America.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Melson:

H. B. No. 183, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal an act passed by the Third Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved June 17, 1920, establishing Common County Line School District No. 2 in Hopkins and Franklin counties, Texas, so as to include certain lands in Common School District No. 28 of said Franklin county, Texas, and conferring upon said County Line School District No. 2 certain authority, and describing the boundaries of said Common County Line School District No. 2 in said Hopkins and Franklin counties."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Thomason:

H. B. No. 184, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make appropriations in order to enable the State of Texas to continue to receive the benefits of Federal funds appropriated to the States for vocational education under the provisions of the Smith-Hughes Act, accepted by the State of Texas, appropriating \$165,600, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year 1921-22 and an appropriation of \$185,600, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year 1922-23."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Stewart of Reeves, Mr. Quaid and Mr. Jones:

H. B. No. 185, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 81 of an act approved July 31, 1919, relating to the relinquishment of oil and gas to the owner of soil, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Gas and Oil.

By Mr. Walker:

H. B. No. 186, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the rates and charges of hotels in this State; declaring hotels to be charged with a public use and subject to legislative control and regulation; prescribing the rates and charges that may be charged by hotels under the circumstances mentioned in this act; conferring authority upon the Railroad Commission of Texas relative to such rates and charges and providing a method by which any order of the Railroad Commission upon such rates may be passed upon by the courts of the State; providing that no action shall be brought in the courts of the State to collect unlawful hotel charges according to this act, and declaring that there shall be no lien on property and no property shall be held for such unlawful charges; defining the terms hotel and person as used in this act; making all laws in this State relative to trusts, monopolies and conspiracies in restraint of trade applicable to hotels and the hotel business; prescribing the rule of evidence as to acts committed by agent or employee; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Common Carriers.

By Mr. O. B. Black of Bexar, Mr. Johnson of Wichita, Mr. Quinn, Mr. West, Mr. Thomason and Mr. Duncan:

H. B. No. 187, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define, regulate and license real estate brokers and real estate salesmen, to create a State Real Estate Commission, and to provide a penalty for a violation of the provisions hereof."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Johnson of Gillespie:

H. B. No. 188, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 2, 11, 13, 14, 15, 25 and 30, of Chapter 4, of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road law for Llano county, Texas, and to provide for the appointment of a superintendent of public roads, highways and bridges for Llano county, and to provide his qualifications, terms of office and salary, defining his duties and powers, and providing for punishment for violation of his duties; providing certain duties and powers of the commissioners court of said county, and fixing the compensation of the commissioners for inspecting the roads in their respective precincts; providing for the appointment of road overseers, defining their duties, fixing their compensation for certain labor, and providing for punishment for violation of their duties; providing for persons subject to road duty in Llano county, and persons summoned to work the roads in said county to have the right to be relieved from the discharge of such duties upon the payment of specific sums of money herein stipulated, and providing for the accounting for and disposition to be made of the money so paid, and declaring an emergency.'"

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Beavens:

H. B. No. 189, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1546, of Chapter 7, of the Revised Statutes adopted at the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, 1911, entitled 'Proceedings in Cases in the Supreme Court.'"

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Burkett:

H. B. No. 190, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require all holders of vendor's lien notes, deeds of trust notes and mortgage lien notes on property in Texas to register the amount of indebtedness provided by said vendor's liens, deeds of trust and mortgage liens in the county clerk's office of the county in which said property is located, and shall render said notes for taxes in the county in which

said property is located, and making it a valid defense to be urged by the payer of said notes, before said note or notes are not rendered for taxes by the holder thereof that will defeat the payment of same; and further providing that the owner of the property against which the notes and liens are held shall only be required to render his equity in said property for taxation; and providing that the county clerks of the various counties of the State provide the necessary records in which to register said notes and liens."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Miller of Dallas:

H. B. No. 191, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the relief of railway corporations having charters amended since the first day of January, 1896, and which have failed to construct any extension, or any part thereof, authorized by said amendment or amendments, within the time required by law, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Common Carriers.

By Mr. Williams of McLennan:

H. B. No. 192, A bill to be entitled "An Act to insure the correct and true classification of cotton by cotton buyers; to require all persons desiring to buy cotton to first procure a license from the Commissioner of Agriculture; to define the meaning of 'cotton buyers' and to provide for the examination of such persons as may desire to become cotton buyers by the Commissioner of Agriculture as to the ability of the applicant to correctly grade and classify cotton; to provide for the forfeiture of the license so issued upon the licensee violating the provisions of this law; making it a penalty for cotton buyers within the meaning of this act to knowingly falsely classify or grade cotton bought by such cotton buyer; to prohibit any person from engaging in the business of buying cotton without first procuring a license or permit so to do from the Commissioner of Agriculture in the manner and form herein provided; to require the Commissioner to furnish permanent durable tags to be placed upon each bale of cotton by the bonded gin ginning the same and to have on each of said tags certain letters, figures and signs to be used to identify the bale of cotton, the grade and classification of the cotton, where it was ginned and the owner of the same and by whom bought and to whom sold, said tag to be selected and designed by the

Commissioner and sufficient number furnished to each gin in the State of Texas at actual cost plus postage and transportation expenses; making it an offense for any person to mutilate or to punch or in any manner interfere with the security of said tag attached to the bale of cotton; to require the Commissioner to furnish certain punches to be selected by him to each cotton buyer within the meaning of this act, said punch to be used by the cotton buyer to punch the tag and indicate the class at which he bought the same; to require the Commissioner to furnish blank forms for cotton buyers to make reports to the Commissioner as to the cotton bought by them and the class at which it was bought and to whom the same was sold; to require the Commissioner to issue licenses upon the payment of a certain amount to all persons desiring to buy cotton, who show themselves qualified to truly classify and grade cotton; authorizing the Commissioner to cancel said license upon the violation of the provisions of this act by the person holding same, and providing how said license may be cancelled without judicial ascertainment, and to prevent the issuance of another to the same person within specified time; to prohibit any person not a cotton buyer from using the punch of a cotton buyer or punching the tag on a bale of cotton; the design of said punch to be selected by the Commissioner of Agriculture and to require the Commissioner to select a different punch for the cotton buyer who buys from the producer to the punch furnished the cotton buyer who buys from another, other than the producer of cotton; to require the cotton buyer to report to the Commissioner, under oath, each month, the cotton by him bought, and to indicate the class and to whom sold; making it prima facie evidence that a cotton buyer had intentionally falsely classified cotton when he sells it at a higher class than he bought it; providing for the forfeiture of the license for falsely classified cotton under certain circumstances, and for criminal punishment for so doing; and prohibiting the issuance of another license to the same person within specified time; to require the Commissioner to preserve a record or stub showing all licenses issued and to mark upon said license stub or record the word 'cancelled' and to do and sign the same officially when the same is cancelled under the provisions of this act; providing for the Commissioner to furnish blank forms for persons desiring to enter into the business of buy-

ing cotton and specifying the requirements to be embodied in said form and providing for the conditions upon which the same shall be issued; making it a misdemeanor for the violation of the provisions of this act, and prescribing punishment therefor; to give the Commissioner the authority to enter upon any premises and into any warehouse, compress, ship, dock, railroad car, or any other place where cotton is kept deposited or stored for the purpose of inspecting same, and making it an offense for any person, firm or corporation to refuse to permit the Commissioner or his agent, or anyone acting for him, to so enter such premises and make such examination; providing that the provisions of this act shall apply and relate to the purchase and sale of actual cotton and that it shall in no manner affect future contracts; to prohibit any cotton buyer from entering into any conspiracy with any other cotton buyer or other person by which said cotton buyer shall sell or buy cotton and pay for the same at a higher class than the classification of the same as indicated by such buyer on a tag attached to the cotton so bought, or to in any manner receive a bonus or reward from a person, firm or corporation buying the same for the delivery of the same to the buyer at a class lower than the true class of the cotton in the opinion of the buyer or seller at the time; providing that merchants buying cotton and crediting one-half of the purchase price on account shall not be considered as engaging in the business of cotton buying, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Childers:

H. B. No. 193, A bill to be entitled "An Act taxing the equity owned by any person in any real or personal property, including railroads and electric railways, as the same is evidenced by the legal title, or by notes and bonds, payment of which is secured by a lien on real or personal property, including railroads and electric railways; declaring notes and bonds secured by a lien on land to be an interest in land and that such notes or bonds shall be taxed in the county where the land is situated; providing that taxes on notes and bonds secured by a lien on railroads and electric railways when the physical property is situated in two or more counties shall be paid to the Comptroller of Public Accounts; making it the duty of the Comptroller to apportion the county taxes so collected to the counties in which the physical property

is situated; requiring the county treasurer to apportion the taxes among the various taxing districts in the county; providing that no note or bond shall be admissible in any court in this State as evidence of indebtedness unless the taxes on such note or bond have been paid."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Darroch and Mr. Veatch:

H. B. No. 194, A bill to be entitled "An Act to apportion funds for purchase of books for public schools, to provide for their purchase and distribution, care and custody, fixing title thereto; providing for use of the unexpended balance of such fund; authorizing sale or exchange of books and disposition of funds arising from such sales; providing from whom and upon what terms books may be purchased; for the manner of handling of books by book contractors, depositories and agencies; providing for suits to be brought against book contractors for delay in handling books, and for penalties to be assessed and recovered in suits, and for the disposition of any sums so recovered; providing certain duties in the administration of this act to be performed by school teachers, school trustees, county superintendents, and the State Superintendent, and providing that teachers' vouchers shall be approved only upon performance of such duties, repealing Chapter 29, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, and all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Carpenter:

H. B. No. 195, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the survey and making of the coast line of Texas within tide-water limits and the employment of the surveyors for the purpose; adopting the mean high tide-water line as the property line between public and private property; prescribing the duty of surveyors; providing for suits against the State by land owners when they are unwilling to accept the line approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office; providing for compensations for surveyors and necessary help; providing penalty for one who may be found guilty of moving or destroying any mark or monument erected by the surveyors as a mark in the survey of the line herein provided for, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Crawford, Mr. Westbrook, Mr. Cummins and Mr. Wadley:

H. B. No. 196, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 42 of the General Laws of the Thirty-second Legislature relating to exemptions as affecting employes and employees of common carriers, express, railway, telegraph, news and other companies, persons and corporations performing service for or in connection with the operation of the railways, the State Railroad Commissioners, peace officers and representatives of industrial fairs and farmers' congresses and institutes and farmers' unions; deputy sheriffs, United States marshals and not more than two deputies of each such marshal; chiefs of police and city marshals; eleemosynary and religious societies; volunteer firemen and Confederate veterans; the State Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner and his two chief deputies; State and county health officers; government representatives accompanying fish for free distribution in the streams of this State; the Dairy and Food Commissioner and two chief deputies; and providing for right of contract between railway companies and editors, proprietors or publishers of newspapers and magazines; persons who have been instrumental in securing the passage by the United States Congress of statutes providing for the equipment of railroad trains with safety appliances; constables, members of the State Militia in uniform when called into service."

Referred to Committee on Common Carriers.

By Mr. West:

H. B. No. 197, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the printing and publishing of all charters and amendments of charters of cities heretofore, or that may hereafter be, adopted under the provisions of Section 3, Chapter 147 of the General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, and heretofore, or that may hereafter be, recorded in the Secretary of State's Office; making the same evidence when so printed; requiring the same to be published in volumes, styling and numbering the same; said volumes to be copyrighted in the name of the State; to be electrotyped and the plates to be owned by the State, and providing for the sale of such printed volume."

Referred to Committee on Public Printing.

By Mr. John Davis of Dallas, Mr. Webb and Mr. Quinn:

H. B. No. 198, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a Warehouse Commission of the State of Texas; prescribing their terms of office and qualifications; creating the office of Commissioner of Markets and Warehouses; prescribing his qualifications, term of office and bond; providing for the levying of a tax of fifty (50) cents per bale on all cotton ginned in Texas and providing for the collection of such tax, and giving the county tax collector a special lien upon all cotton ginned in his county to secure the payment of said tax, and the way and manner in which it shall be expended; providing for the supervision of all necessary rules and regulations for the government of warehouses under the direction of the Warehouse Commission and of the Commissioner provided for in this act; providing for the issuance of negotiable and non-negotiable receipts by warehousemen in Texas; prescribing the form of such receipts; providing for the general supervision of warehouses, whether owned by individuals, persons, firms, corporations or associations of persons; providing for the examination by the Commissioner of all those who desire to become managers of warehouses in Texas and providing for the necessary bonds to be given by warehousemen in the State of Texas for the use and benefit of the citizens of Texas who store agricultural products in such warehouse; providing that the Commissioner shall have power to regulate the amount of fees to be charged for storing products in warehouses under the supervision of the State, other than tax acquired warehouses; providing that no charge shall be made for storage of cotton owned by the producer, in any tax acquired warehouse; providing for the foreclosure of warehouseman's lien on goods so stored; providing penalties for the violation of the terms and provisions of this act, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. John Davis of Dallas, Mr. Webb and Mr. Quinn:

H. B. No. 199, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide a more systematic plan for the marketing of the products of the farm, ranch and orchard, under proper State supervision; providing for the supervision and control of gins and

ginning establishments; providing rules and regulations for the government of ginning establishments, and fixing penalties for violations of the provisions of this act governing ginners; giving power to the Commissioner of Markets and Warehouses to establish grades and methods of official classification of farm, ranch and orchard products, and prescribing methods of preparing for market, marketing and packing all products offered to the general public for marketing; providing for the incorporation of local marketing associations with and without capital stock; providing for their supervision, regulation and control; providing for the licensing of cotton classers and classers of all other character of agricultural and farm products, and providing penalties for failure to comply with the provisions of this act, and for the violation of its terms and provisions, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Martin:

H. B. No. 200, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 23 and Chapter 190 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, 1917, relating to the disposition of the funds coming into the hands of the State Highway Commission."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Fugler:

H. B. No. 201, A bill to be entitled "An Act empowering the commissioners court to contract for the collection of delinquent taxes in all cases where the county or district attorney has for any reason failed to institute suit for the collection of delinquent taxes, within a period of one year from the date on which lands and lots become delinquent, or at any other time upon the filing with the commissioners court of a statement made and signed by the county or district attorney to the effect that he is unable to institute these suits for any reason; provided further, that the commission to be paid for the collection of these delinquent taxes shall not exceed 25 per cent of the total tax due, and that the contract shall be awarded the lowest bidder; the Comptroller shall and is hereby authorized to contract with the same attorney or attorneys and on

the same terms for the collections for the State taxes."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Wallace:

H. B. No. 202, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it a misdemeanor for any person or persons in this State to bring together or cause to be assembled or congregated two or more persons at any one or more places in any city, town or village in this State by the means or use of music, songs, dancing, minstrel or other shows, or public speaking for the purpose of selling or offering for sale, or soliciting purchasers for or recommending the use of any medicinal or other preparation prepared, manufactured, sold or recommended for the prevention, cure or relief of any disease, ailment, disorder or derangement of the human body, or for any person to sell or offer for sale or solicit purchasers for or recommend the use of any medicinal or other preparation prepared, manufactured, sold or recommended for the prevention, cure or relief of any disease, ailment, disorder or derangement of the human body in any city, town or village in this State where people are so assembled for such purpose."

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Brady and Mr. Rice:

H. B. No. 203, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish a 'Texas Industrial School and Workshop for the Adult Blind of the State'; providing for a board to locate such institution and to manage its affairs; providing an appropriation, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Eleemosynary Institutions.

By Mr. Malone:

H. B. No. 204, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5644 of Chapter 4, Title 86, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas relating to liens of accountants, bookkeepers, artisans, craftsmen, factory operatives, servants, mechanics, quarrymen, waiters, waitresses, cooks, common laborers and farm hands, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. John Davis of Dallas:

H. B. No. 205, A bill to be entitled "An Act to extend the time for the completion of the drilling of wells for oil and gas on public free school land which has heretofore been sold where the own-

er of a permit has in good faith begun the drilling of a well and has drilled same to a depth of four hundred or more feet."

Referred to Committee on Oil and Gas.

By Mr. Melson:

H. B. No. 206, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 78 of the Acts of the Second Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, by providing that conviction may be had for violation of any provision of the act upon the unsupported evidence of an accomplice or participant; providing that such accomplice or participant shall be exempt from prosecution for any offense about which he may be required to testify; providing that the suspended sentence law shall not apply to conviction under the provisions of said act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. O. B. Black of Bexar:

H. B. No. 207, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1120, of Title 15, of Chapter 70, of the Revised Code of Criminal Procedure of 1911, of the State of Texas, so as to increase the salaries of district attorneys in all judicial districts of this State, composed of two or more counties; to provide for the appointment of an assistant district attorney in certain cases; providing for the manner of payment of salaries and disposition of fees, commissions, prerequisites of the office of district attorney; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Sneed:

H. B. No. 208, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4610 of Chapter 68 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and making provisions regulating the issuance of marriage license in the State of Texas; requiring the applicant to purchase same in the county in which the female shall have resided three months next preceding the issuance of the license."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Brady, Mr. Shearer, Mr. Malone and Mr. Rogers:

H. B. No. 209, A bill to be entitled "An Act to promote the efficiency of paid fire departments in the cities of this State with populations of 30,000 or over; to provide a two-platoon system in said cities, and define conditions under which the same shall be operated;

to provide the manner of hearing charges preferred against men in said fire departments and for the granting of vacations with pay; to provide that the salaries paid at present to the men in said departments shall not be reduced and to regulate promotions for the men and to provide for the repeal of any law or laws or parts of same of any city ordinances or fire department rules or regulations or parts of same contrary to the provisions of this act."

Referred to Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Greer and Mr. Swann:

H. B. No. 210, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the compensation of county commissioners in counties having a population of as much as forty-five thousand, and less than forty-seven thousand, according to the last United States census, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Counties.

By Mr. Rogers of Harris:

H. B. No. 211, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent profiteering by the owners of public hotels and hostleries."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Quaid (by request):

H. B. No. 212, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to the filing and recording of instruments of writing, heretofore and hereafter recorded, and the effect thereof, and validating defective certificates of acknowledgment."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Morgan:

H. B. No. 213, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate and make sanitary, buildings and rooms used and occupied as a bakery, for the manufacture of bakery products; providing for pure and wholesome ingredients of bakery products, and the cleanliness of receptacles used in the handling of same; prohibiting the use of impure materials; fixing the weight of a loaf of bread; fixing a penalty for the violation of any provision thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING.

The following House joint resolution, introduced today, was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the appropriate committee, as follows:

By Mr. Thompson of Red River:

H. J. R. No. 15. To amend Sections 2 and 24. Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that said sections of article shall be amended to read as follows: that the Senate shall consist of thirty-one members and shall never be increased above that number, and the House of Representatives shall consist of sixty-two members, two from each senatorial district, and shall never be increased above that number, and that each Senator and Representative shall receive a salary of eighteen hundred dollars per year and no more.

Referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

RESOLUTIONS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed in the presence of the House, after giving due notice and their captions had been read, the following resolutions:

S. C. R. No. 2, Giving aid to the Attorney General's Department.

H. C. R. No. 7, Inviting Hon. Henry Watterson to address the Legislature.

RELATING TO AMENDMENTS TO FEDERAL CONSTITUTION.

Mr. John Davis of Dallas offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 10. Joining the Legislature of the several States of the Union in an application to Congress to call a convention for the purpose of amending the Constitution of the United States so as to provide that all amendments to the Constitution of the United States shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the several States for ratification or rejection.

Whereas, It is clearly manifest that the sentiment of the people of the United States in favor of submitting all amendments to the Constitution of the United States to the qualified voters of the several States for ratification or rejection; and

Whereas, Article 5 of the Constitution of the United States provides that Congress, on the application of the Legislature of two-thirds of the several States shall call a convention proposing amendments to the Constitution; and

Whereas, A majority of the citizens of the State of Texas desire that a constitutional convention be held for the purpose herein set forth; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, the Senate concurring, That the Legislature of the

State of Texas hereby memorializes and formally applies to the Congress of the United States, in the manner provided in Article 5 of the Constitution, to call a convention of the several States for the purpose of amending the Constitution of the United States so as to provide that all amendments to the Constitution of the United States shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the several States for their ratification or rejection; be it further

Resolved, That the State of Texas hereby joins the several States of the Union in making this application to the Congress.

Resolved further, That the Secretary of State of Texas is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the several States of the Union, to the Congress of the United States and to the Secretary of the United States.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Henderson raised a point of order on further consideration of the resolution at this time, on the ground that the time allotted under the rules of the House for the consideration of resolutions had expired.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

RELATING TO IMPROVEMENTS ON CAPITOL BUILDING.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 8, Authorizing the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate to appoint a committee to select a competent architect to investigate and report what is necessary to be done and the approximate cost thereof to remove the woodwork from the Capitol building and to make the same fireproof.

The resolution having been read second time on Thursday, January 20, and having at that time been referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion of Mr. Owen, the resolution was tabled.

PROVIDING FOR REDISTRICTING MAPS:

Mr. Patman offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 11, Providing for redistricting maps.

Be it resolved by the House, the Senate concurring, That there be printed for the use of the House and Senate in redistricting the State 800 copies of maps of the State of Texas, which shall

contain all counties of the State, together with population and other data useful in redistricting.

The chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses of the House acting with the chairman of the Senate Committee on Contingent Expenses is hereby authorized and instructed to have said 800 copies printed, three-fourths thereof being for the use of the House and one-fourth for the use of the Senate, and they shall be paid for out of the contingent funds of the two houses in said proportion.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Darroch offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend by striking out "800" and insert "300" in lieu thereof.

Mr. Owen offered the following substitute for the amendment.

Change "300" to "500."

Question first recurring on the substitute, it was adopted.

The amendment as substituted was then adopted.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 22 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 22, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 696, Chapter 1, Title 12, of the Revised Criminal Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, as amended by the Thirty-third Legislature."

The bill was read third time, and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 42 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 42, A bill to be entitled "An Act putting into effect amended Section 4 of Article 11 of the Constitution relating to cities and towns having a population of five thousand or less, and amending Section 5 of Article 11 of the Constitution relating to cities having more than five thousand inhabitants and not having special charters; providing for the levying, assessment and collection of taxes by such cities; providing for the issuance of bonds by such cities payable out of said taxes; validating certain bond elections; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.
The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—115.

Adams.	Laird.
Baker.	Lauderdale.
Barker.	Lindsey.
Barrett of Bell.	Looney.
Barrett of Fannin.	McDaniel.
Bass.	McLeod.
Beasley	Malone.
of McCulloch.	Marshall.
Beavens.	Mathes.
Binkley.	Melson.
Bonham.	Merriman.
Black, O. B.,	Miller of Dallas.
of Bexar.	Miller of Parker.
Black, W. A.,	Morgan.
of Bexar.	Moore.
Brady.	Morris of Medina.
Branch.	Morris
Bryant.	of Montague.
Burmeister.	Mott.
Burns.	Neblett.
Chitwood.	Owen.
Coffee.	Patman.
Cox.	Perkins
Crawford.	of Cherokee.
Crumpton.	Perkins of Lamar.
Curtis.	Perry.
Darroch.	Pool.
Davis, John E.,	Quaid.
of Dallas.	Quinn.
Dinkle.	Rice.
Duffey.	Rogers of Harris.
Duncan.	Rogers of Shelby.
Edwards.	Rosser.
Estes.	Rountree.
Faubion.	Satterwhite.
Fugler.	Schweppe.
Garrett.	Seagler.
Greer.	Shearer.
Grissom.	Sims.
Hall.	Sneed.
Hanna.	Stephens.
Harrington.	Stevenson.
Harrison.	Stewart
Henderson	of Edwards.
of McLennan.	Stewart of Reeves.
Henderson	Swann.
of Marion.	Sweet of Tarrant.
Hendricks.	Teer.
Hill.	Thomas
Horton.	of Limestone.
Johnson	Thomason.
of Gillespie.	Thompson
Johnson of Ellis.	of Red River.
Johnson	Thorn.
of Wichita.	Veatch.
Jones.	Wadley.
Kacir.	Walker.
Kellis.	Wallace.
King.	Webb.
Lackey.	West.

Westbrook.
Williams
of McLennan.

Williams
of Montgomery.
Wright.

Nays—2.

Kveton.

Wessels.

Absent.

Aiken.
Brown.
Davis, John,
of Dallas.
Laney.
Lawrence.

Menking.
Smith.
Thompson
of Harris.
Thrasher.

Absent—Excused.

Baldwin.
Beasley
of Hopkins.
Burkett.
Carpenter.
Childers.
Cummins.
Fly.
Hardin.
Leslie.

McCord.
McFarlane.
McKean.
Martin.
Neinast.
Pollard.
Pope.
Quicksall.
Rowland.
Sweet of Brown.

HOUSE BILL NO. 28 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 28, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the protection of stock-raisers and farmers; providing for the destruction of depredating wild animals; making an appropriation therefor, and providing the method how it shall be expended; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time, and was passed.

Mr. Jones moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1173, Chapter 4, Title 15, and Article 1142, Chapter 3, Title 15, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to the fees allowed sheriffs or other peace officers performing the same services in misdemeanor cases to be taxable against the defendant on conviction, and the allowance to sheriffs by the commissioners court of the several counties in

this State for the safekeeping, support and maintenance of prisoners in jail, or under guard, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Stewart of Edwards offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 1, Section 11, by striking out the words "seven and one-half" wherever they appear in this section, and in lieu thereof insert the word "ten."

The amendment was lost.

Mr. West offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Article 1142, Section 1, line 24, page 2, by striking out the words "one dollar" and substituting the words "seventy-five cents."

Question—Shall the amendment be adopted?

REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON DENTON TRIP.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following report:

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Your committee appointed to meet with a similar committee of the Senate and to arrange with them for the trip to Denton on Friday night, January 28, report as follows:

That the personnel of the party shall consist of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Board of Control, all members of the Senate and House, together with their wives and the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate and the House. In order to make proper arrangements for sleepers and transportation it is requested that every member who intends to go shall file with Representative Adams, desk 48, their name and whether they will be accompanied by their wives.

This filing is desired not later than 9:30 a. m. Wednesday, January 26.

On motion of Mr. Adams, the report was adopted.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Owen, the House, at 12 o'clock m., took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by Speaker Thomas.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1 ON ENGROSSMENT.

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being House bill No. 1, relating to the fees allowed sheriffs and other peace officers, on its passage to engrossment, with amendment by Mr. West pending.

Question recurring on the pending amendment, it was lost.

Mr. Stewart of Edwards offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 1 by adding after the word "same" in Section 11, on line 14, page 2, the following:

"Provided, that in all counties containing less than fifteen thousand population according to the last census, the sheriff or peace officer of such counties shall receive the sum of ten cents per mile for each mile traveled in executing process and summoning witnesses."

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Thompson of Red River offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 1 by striking out enacting clause.

Mr. Darroch moved the previous question on the pending amendment and the bill, and the motion was not seconded.

Mr. Owen moved to table the amendment.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—98.

Adams.	Dinkle.
Aiken.	Duffey.
Baker.	Duncan.
Barker.	Estes.
Barrett of Bell.	Faubion.
Barrett of Fannin.	Garrett.
Bass.	Greer.
Beasley	Hall.
of McCulloch.	Hanna.
Beavens.	Harrison.
Binkley.	Henderson
Bonham.	of Marion.
Black, O. B.,	Hendricks.
of Bexar.	Hill.
Black, W. A.,	Horton.
of Bexar.	Johnson of Ellis.
Branch.	Johnson
Bryant.	of Wichita.
Burmeister.	Jones.
Chitwood.	Kacir.
Coffee.	Kellis.
Cox.	King.
Crumpton.	Kveton.
Darroch.	Lackey.
Davis, John E.,	Laird.
of Dallas.	Laney.
Davis, John,	Lauderdale.
of Dallas.	Lawrence.

Lindsey.	Satterwhite.
Looney.	Schweppe.
McDaniel.	Seagler.
McLeod.	Shearer.
Malone.	Sims.
Marshall.	Smith.
Mathes.	Sneed.
Melson.	Stevenson.
Merriman.	Stewart
Miller of Parker.	of Edwards.
Morgan.	Stewart of Reeves.
Moore.	Swann.
Morris	Sweet of Tarrant.
of Montague.	Teer.
Mott.	Thomas
Neblett.	of Limestone.
Owen.	Thomason.
Patman.	Thompson
Perkins	of Harris.
of Cherokee.	Wadley.
Perkins of Lamar.	Walker.
Pool.	Wallace.
Quaid.	Webb.
Quinn.	West.
Rice.	Westbrook.
Rogers of Harris.	Williams
Rosser.	of McLennan.
Rountree.	Wright.

Nays—8.

Brady.	Henderson
Burns.	of McLennan.
Crawford.	Thompson
Grissom.	of Red River.
Harrington.	Thorn.

Present—Not Voting.

Johnson	Williams
of Gillespie.	of Montgomery.
Veatch.	

Absent.

Brown.	Miller of Dallas.
Curtis.	Morris of Medina.
Edwards.	Perry.
Fugler.	Rogers of Shelby.
Menking.	Stephens.

Absent—Excused.

Baldwin.	McFarlane.
Beasley	McKean.
of Hopkins.	Martin.
Burkett.	Neinast.
Carpenter.	Pollard.
Childers.	Pope.
Cummins.	Quicksall.
Fly.	Rowland.
Hardin.	Sweet of Brown.
Leslie.	Thrasher.
McCord.	Wessels.

Mr. Owen offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend the bill, in Section 1, line 23, on page 1, strike out the words "two dollars" and insert in lieu thereof the words "one dollar and fifty cents."

The amendment was lost.
House bill No. 1 was then passed to engrossment.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

Committee on Congressional Districts: Messrs. Pool, Chairman; Burkett, Vice Chairman; Seagler, Marshall, Jones, Morris of Medina, Miller of Dallas, Baker, Perkins of Cherokee, Rountree, West, Johnson of Wichita, Estes, Darroch, Merriman, Shearer, Thompson of Harris, Satterwhite, Barker, Sweet of Tarrant, and Laird.

Committee on Representative Districts: Messrs. Crumpton, Chairman; Johnson of Gillespie, Vice Chairman; Patman, Shearer, Hendricks, Hanna, Wallace, Edwards, Crawford, Garrett, Bass, Davis, John E., of Dallas, Wessels, Morris of Montague, Adams, Kellis, Coffee, Stewart of Reeves, Baldwin, Branch, and Quaid.

Committee on Senatorial Districts: Messrs. Hill, Chairman; Morris of Montague, Vice Chairman; Henderson of McLennan, Burkett, Marshall, Jones, Burmeister, Rosser, Pollard, Adams, Bryant, Veatch, Teer, Neinast, Neblett, Laird, Lindsey, Rowland, Henderson of Marion, Lackey, and Melson.

HOUSE BILL NO. 6 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 6, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4081 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to provide for the appointment of a guardian of a person of unsound mind or an habitual drunkard, on a hearing before the court, without the necessity of a jury trial, which will be granted if requested, as set out in Title 64, Chapter 16, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, providing for 'Guardianship of Persons of Unsound Mind and Habitual Drunkards,' and validating all appointments heretofore made without a jury trial."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 14 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 14, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the nomination by preferential ballot of candidates for office in this State by any organized political party which cast one hundred and twenty-five thousand votes or more for Governor at the last general election; amending Articles 3084, 3095, 3114, 3122, 3125 and 3126 of Chapter 10, Title 49, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911; Article 3086 of Chapter 10, Title 49, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, as amended by Chapter 90, General Laws of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature; Article 3136 of Chapter 10, Title 49, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, as amended by Chapter 16, General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature; Article 3138 of Chapter 10, Title 49, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, as amended by Chapter 90 of the General Laws of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature; Article 3139 of Chapter 10, Title 49, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, as amended by Chapter 90 of the General Laws of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature; and Section 10 of Chapter 39 of the General Laws of the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, so as to make said articles and statutes comply with the purposes of this act."

The bill was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 20 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 20, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 586 and 587, Chapter 6, Title 11, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, so as to provide a penalty for betting on all public elections, and defining public elections, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Lawrence offered the following amendment to the bill:

In line 27 after the word "article" add "primary or other elections" and a comma.

Mr. Owen moved to table the amendment, and the motion to table was lost.

Question recurring on the amendment, it was lost.

House bill No. 20 was then passed to engrossment.

Mr. Marshall moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to engrossment, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 25 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 25, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7235, Chapter 6, Title 124, Revised Civil Statutes, 1911, as amended by Chapter 72, General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, and Chapters 26 and 99 of the General Laws of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, and Chapter 131, General Laws of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and Chapter 10 of the General Laws of the Third Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and Chapter 13 of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and Chapter 35, General Laws of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, with reference to the mode of preventing horses and certain other animals from running at large in the counties named, so as to include Bowie and Marion counties, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Owen moved to lay the bill on the table subject to call.

Mr. Crumpton moved that the bill be set as a special order for 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow week.

The motion of Mr. Crumpton prevailed, and the bill accordingly was set as a special order for Tuesday, February 1.

HOUSE BILL NO. 156 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. West, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment

H. B. No. 156, A bill to be entitled "An Act to postpone the publication of delinquent lists of State, county, special school, district school and levee improvement taxes by county commissioners' court and county tax collector, and the bringing of suits thereon until January 1, 1922, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

(Mr. Rountree in the chair.)

Mr. Perkins of Cherokee offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 156, by adding

new section to be inserted in the bill as Section No. 3 as follows:

"Section 3. The penalty of 10 per cent now imposed by law for non-payment of the taxes mentioned in Section No. 1 of this act, on or before the 31st day of January of each year, shall not be imposed or charged for non-payment of such taxes for the year 1920, on or before said 31st day of January; but the accrual and imposition of such penalty for non-payment of such taxes for said year 1920, be and the same is hereby postponed and deferred until September -1, 1921; provided, that in all cases where such taxes for 1920 shall not have been paid on or before January 31, 1921, there shall be charged and collected interest upon such taxes at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, from the 1st day of February, 1921, until paid."

Amend further by changing the number of the last section of the printed bill from No. 3 to No. 4.

Amend caption to correspond with amendment.

Mr. Owen moved to table the amendment.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—65.

Adams.	Henderson
Barker.	of Marion.
Barrett of Bell.	Hendricks.
Barrett of Fannin.	Johnson of Ellis.
Bass.	Johnson
Beasley	of Wichita.
of McCulloch.	Kacir.
Beavens.	King.
Bonham.	Lackey.
Black, O. B.,	Laird.
of Bexar.	Laney.
Black, W. A.,	McDaniel.
of Bexar.	McFarlane.
Brady.	McLeod.
Branch.	Marshall.
Burmeister.	Mathes.
Coffee.	Merriman.
Cox.	Miller of Parker.
Crawford.	Moore.
Curtis.	Morris of Medina.
Darroch.	Mott.
Davis, John E.,	Owen.
of Dallas.	Patman.
Davis, John,	Pool.
of Dallas.	Quaid.
Dinkle.	Rice.
Duffey.	Rountree.
Edwards.	Satterwhite.
Faubion.	Schweppe.
Hall.	Seagler.
Hanna.	Shearer.

Sims.
Smith.
Stephens.
Sweet of Tarrant.
Teer.

Thomas
of Limestone.
Thor.
Walker.
West.
Wright.

Nays—51.

Aiken.
Baker.
Bryant.
Burns.
Chitwood.
Crumpton.
Duncan.
Fugler.
Garrett.
Greer.
Grissom.
Harrington.
Harrison.
Henderson
of McLennan.
Hill.
Horton.
Johnson
of Gillespie.
Jones.
Kellis.
Kveton.
Lauderdale.
Lawrence.
Lindsey.
Looney.
Malone.
Melson.
Menking.
Miller of Dallas.

Morgan.
Morris
of Montague.
Neblett.
Perkins
of Cherokee.
Perkins of Lamar.
Pope.
Quinn.
Rogers of Harris.
Rogers of Shelby.
Rosser.
Sneed.
Stevenson.
Stewart
of Edwards.
Stewart of Reeves.
Swann.
Thomason.
Thompson
of Harris.
Thompson
of Red River.
Veatch.
Wadley.
Wallace.
Webb.
Westbrook.
Williams
of Montgomery.

Absent.

Binkley.	Perry.
Brown	Williams
Estes.	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Baldwin.	McCord.
Beasley	McKean.
of Hopkins.	Martin.
Burkett.	Neinast.
Carpenter.	Pollard.
Childers.	Quicksall.
Cummins.	Rowland.
Fly.	Sweet of Brown.
Hardin.	Thrasher.
Leslie.	Wessels.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Stewart of Reeves offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 156, line 14, after the word "taxes" add "and water improvement districts"; also after the word "county," in line 14, add "or board of directors of any water improvement district."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Horton offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 156 by changing the words and figures "January, 1922," where same occur and insert in lieu thereof "October 15, 1921."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Stephens moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted and to table the motion to reconsider.

Question first recurring on the motion to table, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—59.

Aiken.	McDaniel.
Bonham.	Malone.
Branch.	Marshall.
Bryant.	Mathes.
Cox.	Menking.
Crumpton.	Miller of Dallas.
Darroch.	Miller of Parker.
Davis, John E.,	Morgan.
of Dallas.	Moore.
Dinkle.	Morris
Duffey.	of Montague.
Edwards.	Owen.
Greer.	Patman.
Grissom.	Perkins of Lamar.
Hanna.	Pope.
Harrington.	Quinn.
Harrison.	Rice.
Henderson	Rogers of Shelby
of Marion.	Satterwhite.
Hill.	Schwappe.
Horton.	Seagler.
Johnson	Stephens.
of Gillespie.	Sweet of Tarrant.
Johnson	Thomas
of Wichita.	of Limestone.
Kellis.	Thorn.
King.	Veatch.
Kveton.	Wadley.
Laird.	Wallace.
Laney.	Webb.
Lauderdale.	Williams
Lindsey.	of McLennan.
Looney.	Wright.

Nays—50.

Adams.	Chitwood.
Barker.	Coffee.
Barrett of Bell.	Crawford.
Barrett of Fannin.	Curtis.
Bass.	Davis, John,
Beasley	of Dallas.
of McCulloch.	Duncan.
Beavens.	Faubion.
Black, W. A.,	Fugler.
of Bexar.	Garrett.
Brady.	Hall.
Burmeister.	Jones.

Kacir.	Sims.
Lackey.	Sneed.
Lawrence.	Stevenson.
McFarlane.	Stewart
McLeod.	of Edwards.
Melson.	Stewart of Reeves.
Merriman.	Swann.
Morris of Medina.	Teer.
Mott.	Thomason.
Neblett.	Thompson
Perkins	of Harris.
of Cherokee.	Thompson
Pool.	of Red River.
Quaid.	West.
Rogers of Harris.	Westbrook.
Rosser.	Williams
Shearer.	of Montgomery.

Absent.

Baker.	Henderson
Binkley.	of McLennan.
Black, O. B.,	Hendricks.
of Bexar.	Johnson of Ellis.
Brown.	Perry.
Burns.	Rountree.
Estes.	Smith.
	Walker.

Absent—Excused.

Baldwin.	McCord.
Beasley	McKean.
of Hopkins.	Martin.
Burkett.	Neinast.
Carpenter.	Pollard.
Childers.	Quicksall.
Cummins.	Rowland.
Fly.	Sweet of Brown.
Hardin.	Thrasher.
Leslie.	Wessels.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Crumpton, the House, at 5:20 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following standing committees reported bills favorable today, as follows:

State Affairs: House bill No. 134.

Criminal Jurisprudence: House bills Nos. 31, 7, 59.

Insurance: House bills Nos. 24, 12.

Common Carriers: House bill No. 191.

State Eleemosynary and Reformatory Institutions: House bill No. 36.

Roads, Bridges and Ferries: House bills Nos. 34, 39, 67, 178.

Judicial Districts: House bill No. 139, Senate bills Nos. 49, 53.
 Judiciary: House bills Nos. 174, 177.
 Education: House bill No. 96.
 Stock and Stock Raising: House bills Nos. 171, 160.

The following standing committees reported bills adversely today as follows:

State Affairs: House bill No. 27.
 Revenue and Taxation: House bills Nos. 3, 69, 5, 4, 157, 2.
 Roads, Bridges and Ferries: House bills Nos. 21, 110.
 Judiciary: House bill No. 87.
 Education: House bills Nos. 97, 74.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EN-GROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,
 Austin, Texas, January 24, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 98, A bill to be entitled "An Act extending the boundaries of the Trinity Independent School District, enlarging the same and defining its boundaries, and providing that the management and control of all public free schools within said enlarged district shall be vested in the present board of public school trustees of the Trinity Independent School District and their successors in office, as now provided in the general laws of the State of Texas, and conferred upon boards of public school trustees of independent school districts; and providing that such added land and territory shall not be in any manner subjected to the payment of any portion of the bonded indebtedness now outstanding against the present Trinity Independent School District, the district as it existed prior to the enlargement thereof prior to the passage of this act, and providing that none of the land, territory and property by this act added to said Trinity Independent School District shall be subjected to the payment of any portion of the local maintenance tax now levied, assessed and collected in said district, except in so far as the same may have been heretofore levied and assessed by a vote of the people in said added territory as now provided by the general laws of this State, or as may hereafter be voted by the people of said enlarged district, as provided by the general laws of this State, and investing said Trinity Independent School

District with all the powers, rights and duties of independent school districts, incorporated for free school purposes only, as now provided by the general laws of this State for such districts, naming the fiscal year as to taxes, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 127, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the assessment and collection of taxes for all purposes, except State purposes, on lands acquired and collection of taxes for all purposes, of establishing State farms and employing convict labor on State account, and repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 106, A bill to be entitled "An Act extending for a period of five years from the date of permit, on certain specified conditions, all permits to prospect for oil and gas heretofore issued on University land and public school land which is unsold at the time this act goes into effect, and river beds or channels, and fresh water lakes, and islands therein, which have not expired, and extending for a like period and on like conditions all permits to prospect for oil and gas heretofore issued on said land and said areas and all permits to prospect for oil and gas heretofore issued after the Mineral Act of 1917 went into effect on islands, salt water lakes, bays, inlets, marshes and reefs owned by the State of Texas within tide water limits and that portion of the Gulf of Mexico within the jurisdiction of Texas, which permits have expired at the time this act goes into effect, but on which the drilling of a well or wells has been begun in good faith or with reference to which permits and the rights of the owner of the same to the possession of the area included therein bona fide litigation has existed during the whole or a part of the term of the permit; providing that said permits are extended on the condition that the owner pay to the State annually in advance, during the life of the permit, ten cents per acre, and all past due payments, and that the owner of the permit shall drill, at the direction of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, such offset well or wells as may be necessary to protect the State's interest in the area included in the permit, and shall resume and diligently continue drilling already begun, and authorizing the Commissioner of the Land Office to forfeit the permit for the failure to make the payments aforesaid or to drill the offset well or wells or to resume or continue drilling; providing that, if oil or gas should be produced in paying quantities the owner of

the permit shall apply for and obtain lease upon the area without the payment of any additional sum of money and for a period not to exceed ten years, subject to renewal or renewals, providing for the filing of affidavits with reference to drilling or pendency of litigation, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 42, A bill to be entitled "An Act putting into effect amended Section 4, of Article 11, of the Constitution relating to cities and towns having a population of five thousand or less, and amending Section 5, of Article 11, of the Constitution relating to cities having more than five thousand inhabitants and not having special charters; providing for the levying, assessment and collection of taxes by such cities; providing for the issuance of bonds by such cities payable out of said taxes; validating certain bond elections; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
SNEED, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 24, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 28, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the protection of stock-raisers and farmers; providing for the destruction of depredating wild animals; making an appropriation therefor, and providing the method how it shall be expended; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
SNEED, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 24, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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H. B. No. 133, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Carrizo Springs In-

dependent School District of Dimmit county; defining its metes and bounds; vesting it with the rights and powers, duties and privileges of districts incorporated for school purposes only under the general laws; providing that all outstanding bonded indebtedness of Carrizo Springs Common School District No. 1 of Dimmit county, Texas, shall be validated and made a valid obligation against the Carrizo Springs Independent School District of Dimmit county, Texas; providing for a board of trustees therefor, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 130, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the El Jardin Independent School District in Cameron county, Texas, and defining its boundaries; providing for the election and qualification of a board of trustees therefor; providing for the selection of a secretary, treasurer, assessor and collector of taxes and all other necessary officers and committees and prescribing their qualifications; investing said district with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of a town or village incorporated under the general laws of the State for free school purposes only, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
SNEED, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 24, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 6, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4081 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to provide for the appointment of a guardian of a person of unsound mind or an habitual drunkard, on a hearing before the court, without the necessity of a jury trial, which will be granted if requested, as set out in Title 64, Chapter 16, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, providing for 'Guardianship of Persons of Unsound Mind and Habitual Drunkards,' and validating all appointments heretofore made without a jury trial."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
SNEED, Chairman.

In Memory
of
Hon. J. L. Fountain

Mr. Rountree offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Supreme Ruler of the Universe has called from the earth, Hon. J. L. Fountain, of Brazos County, who was a member of the Twenty-seventh and Thirty-first Legislatures; therefore be it

Resolved, In the death of Hon. J. L. Fountain, who was a faithful and honest legislator and Christian gentleman, devoted to the interests of his community, county and State, a worthy husband and loving father, and in all walks of life an admirable and patriotic citizen, be further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House furnish copies of this resolution to his family and that the same be printed in the Journal and that when the House adjourns today that it adjourns out of respect to the memory and character of a worthy citizen of Texas.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted unanimously.